Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : உதகமண்டலத்துக்குப் போகும் பொழுது மந்திரிகள். அதிகாரிகள், குமாஸ்தாக்கள், பியூன்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் மற்ற இடங்களில் கிடைப்பதைவிட அரை மடங்கு அதிகமாக அலவன்சு கிடைக்கிறது. (The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam) மந்திரிகளுக்குக் கிடையாது). பியூன்களுக்கு 8 அணு கொடுக்குமிடத்தில் 12 அணு கொடுத்தால் அது அவர்களுக்கு உதகமண்டலத்தில் ஒரு வேலை சாப்பாட்டுக்குக்கூட போதாது. அங்கு ஒரு வேலை சாப்பாட்டுக்கு 1 ரூபாய் அல்லது ரூ. 1-4-0 கொடுக்கவேண்டிய நிர்ப்பந்தம் இருப்பதால் அவர்களுக்கு இந்த அலவன்சு போதாது என்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : அலவன்சு அவ்வப்பொழுது பரிசீலனை செய்து நிர்ணயம் செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறோம். இப்பொழுது கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் அது போதாது என்று நினைப்பதால், மறுபடியும் ரெவின்யூ இலாகாவில் இந்த விஷயம் அவசியமானால் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படும்.

Hindi typewriters and printing press

* 33 *Q*.—**Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have purchased any Hindi typewriters and Hindi printing press recently; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Prohibition propaganda

* 34 *Q*.—**Sri N. K. PALANISAMY** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Prohibition Committee (official) met in the month of April 1956 and considered the recommendations of the Prohibition Enquiry Committee appointed by the Union Government on Prohibition propaganda; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter of carrying on prohibition propaganda?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : The Committee on Prohibition met on 2nd April 1956. It did not however consider the recommendations of the Prohibition Enquiry Committee constituted by the Government of India regarding prohibition propaganda, in detail, but left it to the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Prohibition to consider the question of the measures to be taken by way of providing counter-attractions, for the purpose of weaning away people from drink. This question was discussed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 9th May 1956 and it has made certain recommendations. The question as to what action should be taken to implement those recommendations is under examination.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know the recommendations made by the Cabinet Sub-Committee?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : A separate question may be put.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Does one of the recommendations relate to the wholesale scrapping of prohibition?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : No, Sir.

Tax on motor vehicles

* 35 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government received any communication from the Centre in the months of March and April 1956 regarding the fixing of a ceiling on tax on motor vehicles; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. In April 1956, the Government of India forwarded a copy of the conclusions reached at the last meeting of the Transport Advisory Council including that on fixation of ceilings on motor vehicles tax.

(*b*) The Transport Advisory Council decided to defer a decision on the subject; and this conclusion has been ratified by this Government.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : As the percentage of motor vehicles tax is the highest in our State, may I know whether it will be reduced so as to be on a par with the tax levied in other States?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : As the question has been deferred, I do not think that I can commit myself.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : In view of the fact that the motor vehicles tax in our State is the highest as compared to other States, many motor owners have been ruined. So, will the Government be pleased to examine the matter and come to a decision soon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : As I said, the whole matter has been deferred and when the question is taken up again, the suggestion of the hon. Member will be examined.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is it not a fact that in spite of the heavy tax, motor operators are making tons of money?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : May be so, Sir.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Government earmark the extra collection of tax that is over and above the average at the All-India level for some kind of special amenities to motor workers?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : That question does not arise now.